

## REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 13, and 19 have been amended. Claims 1-19 are pending and under consideration.

### Rejection of Claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 8 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,065,053 issued to Nouri et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Nouri"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Nouri does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, "a remote user terminal" and "a server controlling unit to read out the proper telephone number of the electronic appliance from the telephone number database according to a selection of power control of the electronic appliance by a user making an access thereto through the Internet from the remote user terminal, to control the telephone signal transmitting unit, and to supply the telephone signal to the telephone network accessing unit of the selected electronic appliance having the read proper telephone number through the telephone network so that power of the selected electronic appliance is enabled," as recited in claim 1.

In col. 5, lines 13-19, Nouri discloses, "One embodiment of the present invention facilitates remotely powering-on and powering-off of the server system by use of a client computer. The client computer may be local to the server system, or may be at a location remote from the server system."

Although Nouri discloses remotely powering-on and powering-off of a server system, Nouri does not disclose "a remote terminal" accessing a "remote control server" comprising a "a server controlling unit... to control the telephone signal transmitting unit, and to supply the telephone signal to the telephone network accessing unit of the selected electronic appliance having the read proper telephone number through the telephone network so that power of the selected electronic appliance is enabled," as recited in claim 1. Accordingly, Nouri does not disclose, teach, or suggest the relationship among a "remote user terminal," a "remote control server," and an "electrical appliance," as recited in claim 1. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the cited reference.

Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1 and include all of the features of claim 1. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claims 3 and 4 are also patentably distinguishable over the cited reference.

Similarly, Nouri does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, “controlling the electronic appliance to enable a power thereof by reading out the stored proper telephone number of the electronic appliance that is selected according to a selection of power control of the electronic appliance by the user accessing the remote control server from a remote user terminal,” as recited in claim 5. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 5 is patentably distinguishable over the cited reference.

Claims 7 and 8 depend from claim 5 and include all of the features of claim 5. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claims 7 and 8 are also patentably distinguishable over the cited reference.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 2, 6, and 9-19 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 2, 6 and 9-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nouri et al. in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,425,000 issued to Carmello et al. (hereinafter referred to as “Carmello”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Nouri and Carmello, taken separately or in combination, do not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, “a remote user terminal” and “a server controlling unit to read out the proper telephone number of the electronic appliance from the telephone number database according to a selection of power control of the electronic appliance by a user making an access thereto through the Internet from the remote user terminal, to control the telephone signal transmitting unit, and to supply the telephone signal to the telephone network accessing unit of the selected electronic appliance having the read proper telephone number through the telephone network so that power of the selected electronic appliance is enabled,” as recited in claim 1.

Carmello does not cure the deficiencies of Nouri. For example, Carmello does not disclose enabling power of a selected electronic appliance.

Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the cited references. Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and includes all of the features of claim 1. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 2 is also patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

Similarly, Nouri and Carmello, taken separately or in combination, do not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, “controlling the electronic appliance to enable a power thereof by reading out the stored proper telephone number of the electronic appliance that is selected according to a selection of power control of the electronic appliance by the user accessing the remote control

server from a remote user terminal,” as recited in claim 5. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 5 is patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

Claim 6 depends from claim 5 and includes all of the features of claim 5. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 6 is also patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

Similarly, Nouri and Carmello, taken separately or in combination, do not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, “a remote user terminal” and “a user controls power to the plurality of electronic appliances via the remote user terminal,” as recited in claim 9. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 9 is patentably distinguishable over the cited reference.

Claims 10-18 depend from claim 9 and include all of the features of claim 9. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claims 10-18 are also patentably distinguishable over the cited reference.

Similarly, Nouri and Carmello, taken separately or in combination, do not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, “A remote control server that is connected to a remote user terminal via an Internet and to a plurality of electronic appliances via a telephone network, comprising:...wherein a user controls power to the plurality of electronic appliances via the remote user terminal,” as recited in claim 19. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 19 is patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

#### Summary

Claims 1-19 are pending and under consideration. It is respectfully submitted that none of the references taken alone or in combination disclose the present claimed invention.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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Respectfully submitted,

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